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WARTIME FOOD BULLETIN

This week there are some new fruits on the local wholesale market and the supply of some vegetables is increasing again as the producing sections move northward with the season. In the fruit line the first apricots of the season arrived from California--then there were the first Bing cherries of the year. Plums, peaches and watermelons are increasing in volume. These plums are the small red or yellow homegrown ones that are fairly sour and are especially good for making jelly. They are quite reasonable in price. There were also some low priced peaches that were very good. These do not take as much sugar as the plums. Watermelons were moderately high priced, but will be cheaper when we have heavier supplies next month.

In the vegetable line Colorado is just starting to ship a number of different kinds from that fertile country. There are asparagus, green onions, radishes, spinach, parsley, mustard, and turnip greens. With lighter supplies of cabbage on the market the price increased slightly. Some shipments are now coming from Tennessee and Missouri.

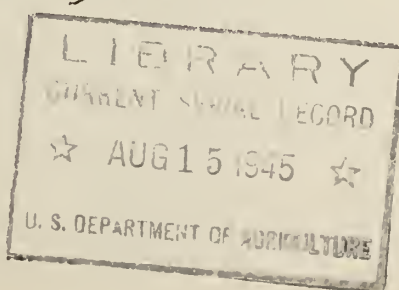
There are a very few California Navel oranges left on the market now, as the season for them is over. From now on we will have all Valencias, which we are told will be mostly all small sizes this year.

Supplies of locally grown vegetables are increasing and are very good quality this year. Among them are tomatoes, beans, squash, bunched carrots, and beets.

South Texas corn is plentiful, and one of the very best buys now. Other good buys for the weekend are beans, beets, carrots, onions, blackeye peas, radishes, squash, and tomatoes.

Moderate supplies of long white potatoes are arriving from California to partially supply the demand and it is expected that they will be slightly more plentiful in the near future.

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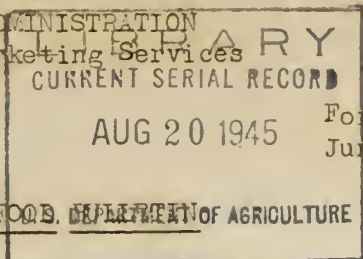
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WARTIME FOOD DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

There was very little change this week in the amount of supplies or the kinds of different fruits and vegetables on the local wholesale market. The homegrown peaches and plums are moving slowly at quite reasonable prices. There was a fair supply of Mexican pineapples of very good quality selling at moderately high prices, but these do take the place of canned pineapple very nicely without requiring any points.

With slightly cooler weather the first of the week watermelons were selling slowly, but will pick up and be a very welcome treat when those hot Summer days arrive. Cantaloups are going very nicely now, and the quality is of the best.

Quality of nearly all vegetables that we are receiving on the market now seems to be better than usual. This is because rains gave them a good start when they were planted, and then they matured in fairly dry weather which gives them the best possible flavor. When there is lots of rain at the time vegetables are ripening, the plants take up too much of this water and are often tasteless. They also spoil quickly when they are full of excess water. At this time there are some of the nicest homegrown tomatoes ever received on the market. This weather condition that was beneficial to vegetables worked somewhat differently in this section where fruit was concerned, because fruit takes a longer period to mature, and the trees set a heavy crop. The dry weather prevented them from reaching as large size as normal, so that this year in many fruits we have smaller sizes than usual.

While the estimated production in the United States of commercial vegetables and some fruits is high this year, it is well to note that commercially canned fruits and vegetables are at the lowest point of the war, so the importance of planting victory gardens and doing as much home canning as possible cannot be overstressed. With all the talk of shortages it is nice to know a near record wheat crop is in prospect for this season.

Some of the best buys on the market this week are beans, carrots, corn, onions, peaches, plums, and tomatoes.

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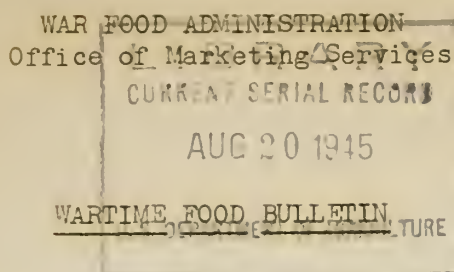




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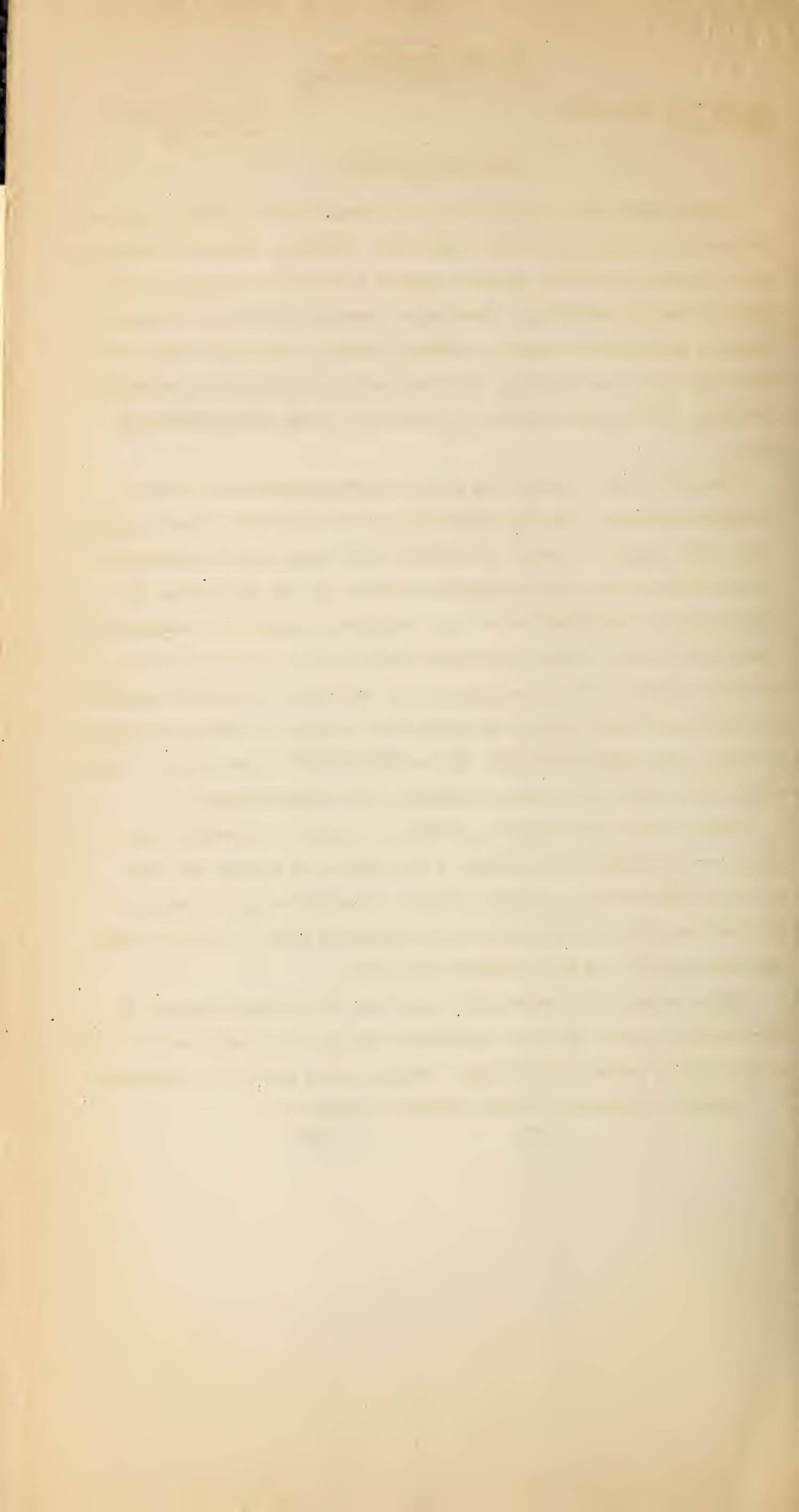
Supplies were very steady on the local wholesale market this week. While we continue to be fairly short of some items such as potatoes, oranges and grapefruit and a few others, we do have plentiful supplies of other like tomatoes, cabbage, peaches, plums and watermelons. There was an increase this week in the homegrown offerings, especially in tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, mustard and turnip greens, which were all very good quality. The local peaches and plums need more consumer attention. They are good quality, will keep well, and are very reasonable in price.

New on the market this week was a car of Arizona grapefruit and a car of California cantaloups. The Texas grapefruit had about disappeared from the market before these Arizona's arrived. For the next three months, grapefruit supplies will be fairly short, as all our shipments will have to come from Arizona and California, and these states are not heavy producers of grapefruit. Sometime in October both Texas and Florida will start shipping the new crop, and from then on it will be plentiful. Texas cantaloups in bulk are fairly plentiful now and will be with us some time, but along with them we will have more of these from California which taste slightly different. Soon we will be having other kinds of Western melons such as Honey Dews, Casabas, Cranshaws, Santa Claus and others.

There are still light supplies of cherries, apricots and asparagus on the market, with the demand for them slow. A few English peas appeared this week and were quickly sold out. Supplies of Mexican pineapple continue to arrive by the truck load and are selling very well at fairly high prices. Supplies of okra were very light, and the price advanced considerably.

Pepper, cabbage and cucumber prices were lower with increased supplies and are among the best buys this week. Other best buys are beans, beets, carrots, corn, mustard, onions, peaches, blackeye peas, tomatoes, turnip greens and watermelons.

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Supplies of homegrown vegetables showed a slight increase on the local whole-sale fruit and vegetable market this week, with heavier receipts of tomatoes, cucumbers, and turnip greens. From Central Texas came heavier receipts of squash and cantaloups, but supplies of other vegetables continue about steady.

The supply of local plums has dwindled to practically none because there was very little demand for them. There is a fair supply of peaches with the quality running all the way from ordinary in some lots to very good in others. The demand for them is slow even at the low prices at which they are selling. These peaches, most of them grown in the Weatherford area, are generally very good quality, and as they do not have to be shipped long distances arrive on the market in good condition and with very little added charges for hauling, so they can be sold at a lower price. These peaches are about the last of the homegrown fruits for this season so it wouldn't be a bad idea to can some of them for this Winter's use. A little later we will receive peaches from Arkansas, Colorado, and other Western States, but additional charges for freight generally makes them higher priced.

Housewives who would like to receive any of the following new bulletins can do so by writing to War Food Administration, Wilson Building, Dallas 1, Texas, and asking for the ones you prefer:

Oven Drying  
Pickle and Relish Recipes  
Making Velva Fruit at Home  
Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables  
How to Prepare Fruits and Vegetables for Freezing

New cars of Colorado vegetables arrived this week to add to the local supplies. There were spinach, green onions, radishes, bunched turnips and tops, and rhubarb. California added to the list with the first car of cabbage and more cantaloups, while Arizona supplied more potatoes to help fill in the shortage of supplies on our local market.

Best buys of the week are beets, cantaloups, carrots, corn, onions, peaches, peppers, pineapples, squash, tomatoes, and watermelons.

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